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KATIE LAMAR JACKSON TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON OCTOBER 30 AT 12:00
A MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE: THE ROOTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY IN ALABAMA

Montgomery, AL (10/18/2018) – On **Tuesday, October 30 at 12:00**, author Katie Lamar Jackson will present a book talk on her recent publication *A Movement of the People: The Roots of Environmental Education and Advocacy in Alabama* at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **FREE**.

This lecture will focus on the stories told in *A Movement of the People*, a book that chronicles the history of the Alabama Environmental Quality Association (AEQA), a once powerful but now virtually forgotten environmental education organization that existed in Alabama from the late 1960s through the early 1980s. During those years, the primarily woman-led AEQA played a significant role in Alabama's environmental history. The organization empowered rural and urban citizens to form grassroots environmental movements, navigating a conservative southern political system while teaching citizens to care for Alabama's natural and cultural resources. Jackson will be joined at the lecture by Martha McInnis, founder of the AEQA.

Katie Lamar Jackson is an Opelika-based writer with more than three decades of experience as a journalist, author, university communicator, and college educator. A native of Alabama, Jackson holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University, where she also served for more than 25 years as editor and director of Auburn's Agricultural Communications and Marketing division. Since retiring from Auburn in 2012, she has completed two new books, including *A Movement of the People: The Roots of Environmental Education and Advocacy in Alabama*, published by the University of Alabama Press in 2017, and *A Tiger among Us: A Story of Valor in Vietnam's A Shau Valley*, published in 2018 by Da Capo Press.

Copies of Jackson's book will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, call (334) 353-3312.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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